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UGC Notification on M.Phil/Ph.D
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulation, 2016 notification with regard to M.Phil and Ph.D admissions is being protested by the students' unions of various universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the students' union has requested the UGC for roll back of the notification as it is becoming detrimental to the students prospects, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that there were a few protests by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi Student Union on certain provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2016. The Student Union of JNU also requested UGC for deferment / roll back of certain provisions in the UGC Regulations, 2016.

As per the UGC Act, 1956, the UGC is responsible for promotion and co-ordination of University education, determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities. In order to maintain the quality of Research and to avoid sub-standard research degrees, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 have been notified. The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016, inter-alia, lays down detailed eligibility criteria for admission into M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of such programme, procedure of admission, allocation of research supervisor, course work requirement, setting up of Research Advisory Committee etc. to provide a facilitative environment for carrying out quality academic research in Higher Education. These Regulations are mandatory in nature and are applicable to all Universities.